THE HUMAN TORCH
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JULY NO. 31
COMICS
NOW LET'S SEE WHAT THE GREAT HUMAN TORCH CAN DO... IF HE TOUCHES THE PLASTIC CAPSULE THE T.N.T. WILL BLOW THEM BOTH TO BITS!
YEAH--- AN' IF HE DON'T THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH LEFT OF TORO TO SEND HOME IN AN ENVELOPE!
TORCH--TORCH--GO BACK--IT'S HOPELESS! DON'T SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR ME! GO BACK!
I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING IN THE NEXT 5 SECONDS, OR IT'LL BE THE END OF TORO!

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I'VE BEEN GAMBLING ON THE WRONG THINGS! FROM NOW ON, I'LL PLACE MY BETS ONLY ON—MYSELF! THEN, IF I LOSE, I DESERVE TO PAY THE FORFEIT!

AT THIS MOMENT. NOT FAR DISTANT... BIG JIM CAFFERY, GANG OVERLORD, IS ABOUT TO PAY A FORFEIT FOR HIS CRIMES..

WRAP 'EM UP FOR DELIVERY AT THE STATE PEN, TORO!
THAT'S THE LAST STOP FOR JIM CAFFERY!

TIMELY GLOBE
BIG JIM CAFFEE CONVICTED!
EX-GANG LORD GETS 20 YEARS

A PALL OF GLOOM SETTLES OVER BIG JIM'S HEADQUARTERS...
TWENTY YEARS! BIG JIM'S WASHED UP!
YEAH, AND SO ARE WE! THIS MOB NEEDS BIG JIM'S BRAINS! WE AIN'T NO GOOD WITHOUT HIM!

GUESS I'LL HAFTA GO STRAIGHT! AT LEAST, FOR THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS!
I'M WILLING TO BET THAT BIG JIM CAFFERY WILL BE FREE BY TOMORROW MORNING!

WHAT KIND OF TALK IS THAT? ARE YOU CRAZY OR SUMP'N? WHO ARE YOU?
I'M CALLED- THE GAMBLER! AND I BET ON ANYTHING! DOES MY PROPOSITION INTEREST YOU?

LEMME GET THIS STRAIGHT! YOU WANNA BET BIG JIM IS SPRUNG BY TOMORROW MORNING?
PRECISELY! I'LL EXPECT YOU TO LAY THE ODDS, OF COURSE! SHALL WE SAY TEN TO ONE? FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!

A HUNDRED GRAND, IF WE LOSE! OKAY, IT'S A BET! WE'VE GOT THAT MUCH DOUGH IN THE KITTY!
EXCELLENT! I'M PLEASED TO HEAR IT!

THAT NIGHT, IN STATE PRISON...
I'M DR. EVANS—FROM THE PRISON HOSPITAL! THE WARDEN ASKED ME TO EXAMINE BIG JIM CAFFERY!
OKAY, DOC! I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING WAS WRONG WITH BIG JIM! I JUST CAME ON DUTY!
GOOD HEAVENS! WE MUST GET THIS MAN OUT IMMEDIATELY! HE'S SUFFERING FROM ASIATIC CHOLERA!
(GULP!) I'D BETTER CALL THE WARDEN!
NO TIME FOR THAT! EVERYONE IN THE PRISON WILL BE DOWN WITH THE PLAGUE IF WE DON'T ACT QUICKLY! I'VE AN AMBULANCE WAITING!
YOU TAKING HIM TO A HOSPITAL?
OF COURSE! WARN THE GUARDS AT THE PRISON GATES TO LET US THROUGH, AND NOT TO COME NEAR! OR THEY'LL CATCH THE PLAGUE TOO!
G-GOSH! M-MAYBE I'VE G-GOT IT! I'D BETTER CHECK IN AT THE INFIRMARY!
SOON...
HA HA! I WIN MY BET! WE MADE IT!
LATER!
WHAT'S THE HURRY, TORCH?
BIG JIM CAFFERY ESCAPED! I JUST GOT A CALL FROM THE WARDEN!
YOU MUST FIND BIG JIM, AND BRING HIM BACK! IF THE NEWS OF THIS GETS OUT, I'LL BE RUINED!
THEY'LL SAY YOU WERE BRIBED TO CONNIVE IN BIG JIM'S ESCAPE!
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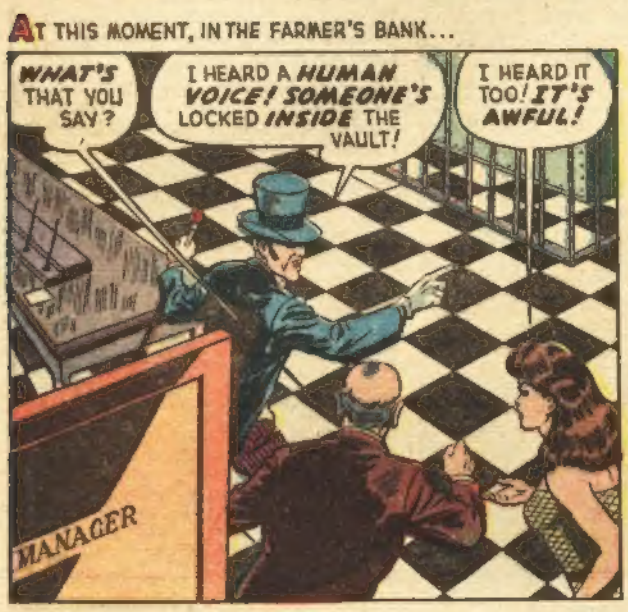
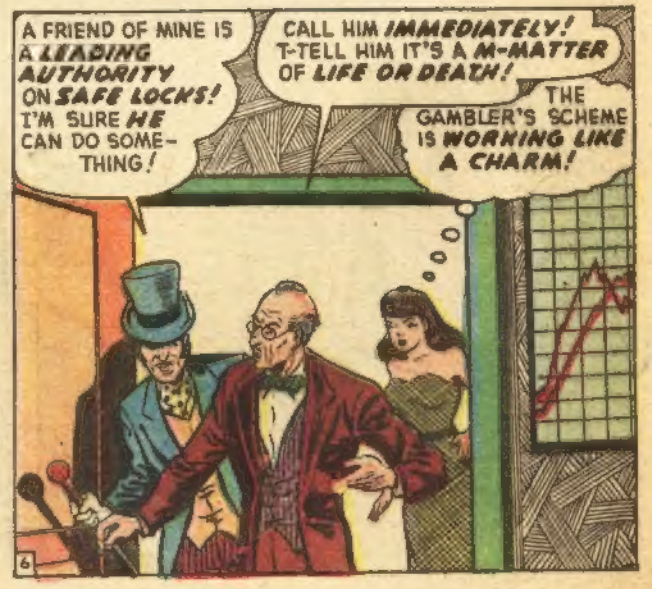
I'M AN HONEST MAN! I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
I BELIEVE YOU! THIS ESCAPE WASN'T AN INSIDE JOB! IT WAS ENGINEERED BY A MAN OF DARING AND INTELLIGENCE!
WE'LL CHECK THE PLACES MOST FREQUENTED BY BIG JIM AND HIS HENCHMEN! MAYBE THAT WILL GIVE US A LEAD!
MEANWHILE...
NINETY-EIGHT, NINETY-NINE, A HUNDRED GRAND! IT'S ALL THERE—COUNT IT!
THIS HAS BEEN A PROFITABLE ENTERPRISE—FOR BOTH OF US!
I ALWAYS PAY OFF! BUT THAT'S A HIGH TARIFF! IT LEAVES ME AND THE BOYS PRETTY BROKE!
I CAN TELL YOU WHERE TO REPAIR YOUR FORTUNES! THERE'S HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD AT THE FARMER'S BANK!
SURE, HIDDEN IN THEIR BRAND NEW VAULTS! NO CROOK IN THE WORLD COULD GRAB THAT DOUGH! THOSE VAULTS ARE BURGLAR-PROOF!
WOULD YOU CARE TO BET THAT I CAN DO IT?
I HAVEN'T ANY DOUGH TO BET, OR I'D TAKE YOU UP ON THAT!
WE'LL ROB THE VAULTS TOGETHER! GET YOUR BOYS TO PLACE THIS MONEY WITH THE UNDERWORLD... AT ODDS OF FOUR TO ONE! I PROMISE YOU THAT WE'LL COLLECT ON OUR WAGER!
LATER...
HEY, TORCH! ISN'T THAT ONE OF BIG JIM CAFFERY'S BOYS?
YES, IT IS! WE'LL WAIT FOR HIM!
B.A.R. & GRILL

WE'RE BETTING THE FARMER'S BANK VAULTS ARE ROBBED TOMORROW, OKAY?
YOU'RE COVERED! THIS IS SUCKER DOUGH! YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE!
WELL, THERE HE GOES, TORO!
HE'S IN A HURRY, TOO!
SO ARE WE! I'VE A HUNCH HE'S HEADING RIGHT FOR BIG JIM CAFFERY!


AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE FARMER'S BANK...
WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY?
I HEARD A HUMAN VOICE! SOMEONE'S LOCKED INSIDE THE VAULT!
I HEARD IT TOO! IT'S AWFUL!
MANAGER

GOOD GRIEF! THERE IS SOMEONE INSIDE!
HELP! HELP! HELP!
THIS VOICE THROWER WORKS PERFECTLY! HE DOESN'T KNOW IT'S MY VOICE THAT APPEARS TO BE COMING FROM THE VAULT!

THE VAULTS ARE LOCKED AUTOMATICALLY! NO ONE CAN OPEN THEM UNTIL TOMORROW! THAT—THAT POOR MAN WILL SUFFOCATE! OH, WHAT SHALL I DO?
HMM... PERHAPS I CAN HELP! DO YOU HAVE A TELEPHONE I CAN USE?


A FRIEND OF MINE IS A LEADING AUTHORITY ON SAFE LOCKS! I'M SURE HE CAN DO SOMETHING!
CALL HIM IMMEDIATELY! T-TELL HIM IT'S A M-MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH!
THE GAMBLER'S SCHEME IS WORKING LIKE A CHARM!

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THE BOGUS EXPERT HAS ARRIVED, AND...
WE'LL BE AMPLY REPAID FOR THIS DAY'S WORK!
THE VAULTS ARE OPEN, BIG JIM! I WIN MY BET!
NOW, WE'LL GO TO WORK!
BANG!
AND SO WILL WE!
TORCH AND TORO!
WE FOLLOWED BIG JIM'S STOOGE! YOU COOKED UP A NEAT SCHEME, GAMBLER! BUT THIS IS ONE TIME YOU LOSE!
ISN'T THAT GUN A LITTLE TOO HOT TO HANDLE?
OWWW!
I'LL LOCK THE VAULT DOOR BEFORE THE CASH IS STOLEN!
WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST, BE DARING! THAT'S THE CREED OF A GAMBLER! I'LL SOUND THE BURGLAR ALARM!
I DON'T WANT TO GO TO JAIL! GET ME OUT OF HERE!
WHIRRRRRRR
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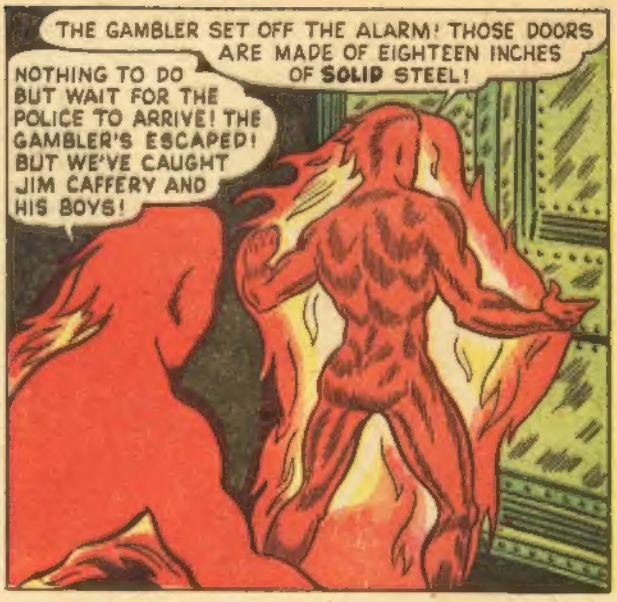
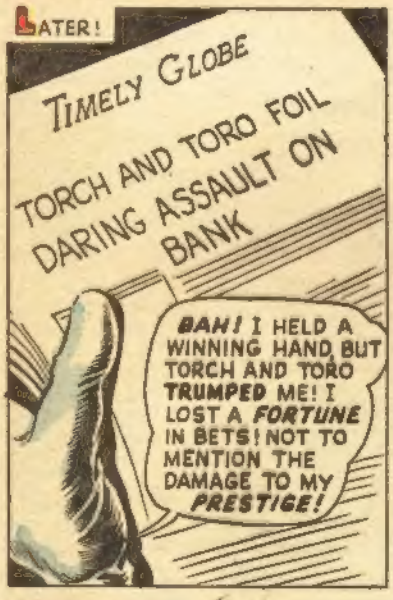
NOW WE'RE SAFE! THE STEEL DOOR LOCKED IN TORCH AND TORO!
YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
BANK

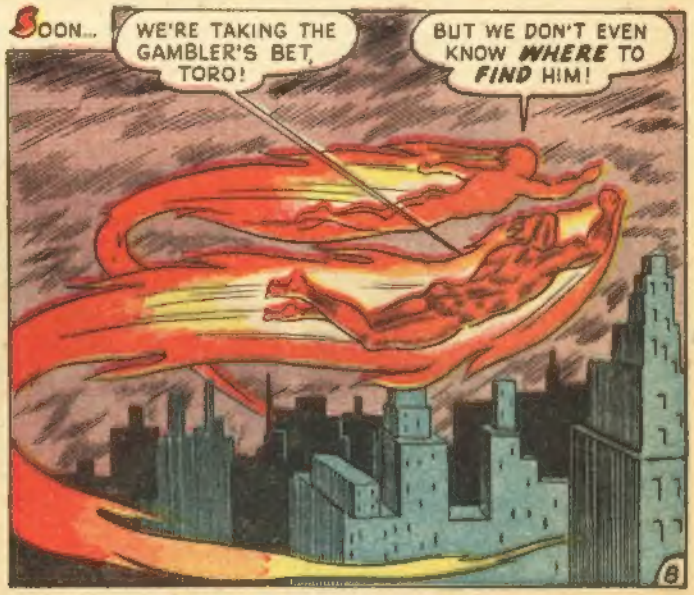

THE GAMBLER SET OFF THE ALARM! THOSE DOORS ARE MADE OF EIGHTEEN INCHES OF SOLID STEEL!
NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT FOR THE POLICE TO ARRIVE! THE GAMBLER'S ESCAPED! BUT WE'VE CAUGHT JIM CAFFERY AND HIS BOYS!


LATER!
TIMELY GLOBE
TORCH AND TORO FOIL DARING ASSAULT ON BANK
BAH! I HELD A WINNING HAND, BUT TORCH AND TORO TRUMPED ME! I LOST A FORTUNE IN BETS! NOT TO MENTION THE DAMAGE TO MY PRESTIGE!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO RECOUP SUCH LOSSES! MY LAST AND BIGGEST GAMBLE... I'LL BET MY LIFE THAT TORCH AND TORO WILL DIE!

LATER, THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER...
ONE OF OUR STOOL PIGEONS BROUGHT THIS IN, TORCH! THESE HANDBILLS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED ALL OVER THE UNDERWORLD!
HMM! OUR FRIEND, THE GAMBLER, IS BACK TO HIS BETTING DAYS!

HE KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER I'D SEE THIS!
NOTICE! PLACE YOUR BETS! I, THE GAMBLER, PREDICT DEATH FOR TORCH AND TORO!


SOON...
WE'RE TAKING THE GAMBLER'S BET, TORO!
BUT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM!

I TALKED TO THAT STOOL PIGEON! THE UNDERWORLD GRAPEVINE SAYS THAT THE GAMBLER HAS HOLED UP ON AN OLD RIVER BOAT!
THE PERFECT HIDEOUT FOR HIM!

AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE ANCIENT RIVER BOAT'S GAMING ROOM!
SEVEN! I WIN AGAIN! HA-HA! TORCH AND TORO ARE DOOMED!

HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO BET?
THE STAKES ARE HIGH IN THIS GAME!

CARBON DIOXIDE GAS! IT'S PUTTING OUT OUR FLAMES!
IT'S MY LIFE AGAINST YOURS!

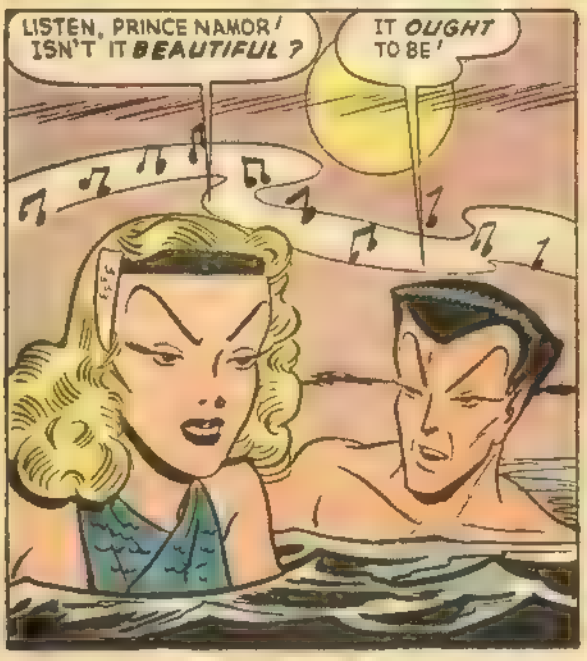
AND SOON!
(COUGH!)
YOU SEE, I WAS PREPARED FOR YOUR COMING! I HOPE YOU ARE PREPARED TO MAKE A VERY SUDDEN EXIT!
(COUGH!) (COUGH!)

JUST IN TIME, MY DEAR! I WANT YOU TO SEE HOW THE GAMBLER PLAYS A WINNING HAND!
NOW'S MY CHANCE! HE'S OFF GUARD!

YOU DELAYED A MOMENT TOO LONG, GAMBLER! I'M DEALING YOU OUT!

YOU PICKED THE LOSING SIDE! NOW YOU'VE GOT TO PAY THE PENALTY!
OHHH!
YOU DON'T NEED THIS MASK, NOW! THE GAS IS THINNING OUT!
DON'T GAMBLE ON ANY FALSE MOVES!
IT'S ALL IN THE WAY THE NUMBERS FALL! ONE TIME YOU WIN, ANOTHER TIME YOU LOSE!
NO, DON'T! THE ROULETTE WHEEL IS WIRED! IT SETS OFF THE FUSE ON A DYNAMITE CHARGE IN THE HOLD!
A SECOND'S HESITATION... AND THEN TORCH DECIDES!
I CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE! I'VE NO RIGHT TO RISK YOUR LIFE TOO!
HE WASN'T BLUFFING AFTER ALL! I TRIED TO MAKE HIM LEAVE WITH ME, BUT HE WOULDN'T GO!
BOOM!
HE COULDN'T ACCEPT HIS LOSS! HE PREFERRED TO TAKE ONE LAST GAMBLE WITH DEATH!
THAT'S A BET HE COULDN'T WIN!
I THINK HE KNEW IT TOO, TORCH!
I'M SURE OF IT! THE ODDS ARE ALWAYS AGAINST A CRIMINAL!
THE END

SUB-MARINER
"TROUBADOUR of TERROR!"


LISTEN, PRINCE NAMOR! ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?
IT OUGHT TO BE!

THAT CAN'T BE ANYONE EXCEPT VLADIMIR BROSCH PLAYING THE PIANO! IT MUST BE COMING FROM HIS YACHT!
I'M JUST IN THE MOOD FOR A FREE CONCERT!
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THAT WAS WONDERFUL! PLAY US ANOTHER PIECE, VLADIMIR!
HOW ABOUT "DEATH IN VENICE"? I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS YOUR BEST!
I WOULD RATHER NOT PLAY IT! IT HAS TOO MANY MEMORIES FOR ME!
ONCE I WAS TRAVELING IN VENICE... A LOVELY MAIDEN THERE I DID SEE...
THAT SONG! WHERE IS IT COMING FROM?
BUT WHEN I GAZED FONDLY INTO HER EYES I SAW DEATH WAITING THERE FOR ME...
WH-WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
MEN CALL ME THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR, AND I CAME HERE FOR A SINGLE REASON...
TO KILL YOU!
BANG!
HURRY, PRINCE NAMOR! THOSE WERE SHOTS!
APPARENTLY SOMEONE DIDN'T LIKE MUSIC!
THESE ORIGINAL MUSIC SHEETS FOR BROSCH'S PIANO CONCERTO SHOULD BE WORTH A FORTUNE! I CARE NOT FOR SUCH TRIFLES— BUT IT WILL PLEASE THE GREEDY FOOLS WHO SERVE ME!
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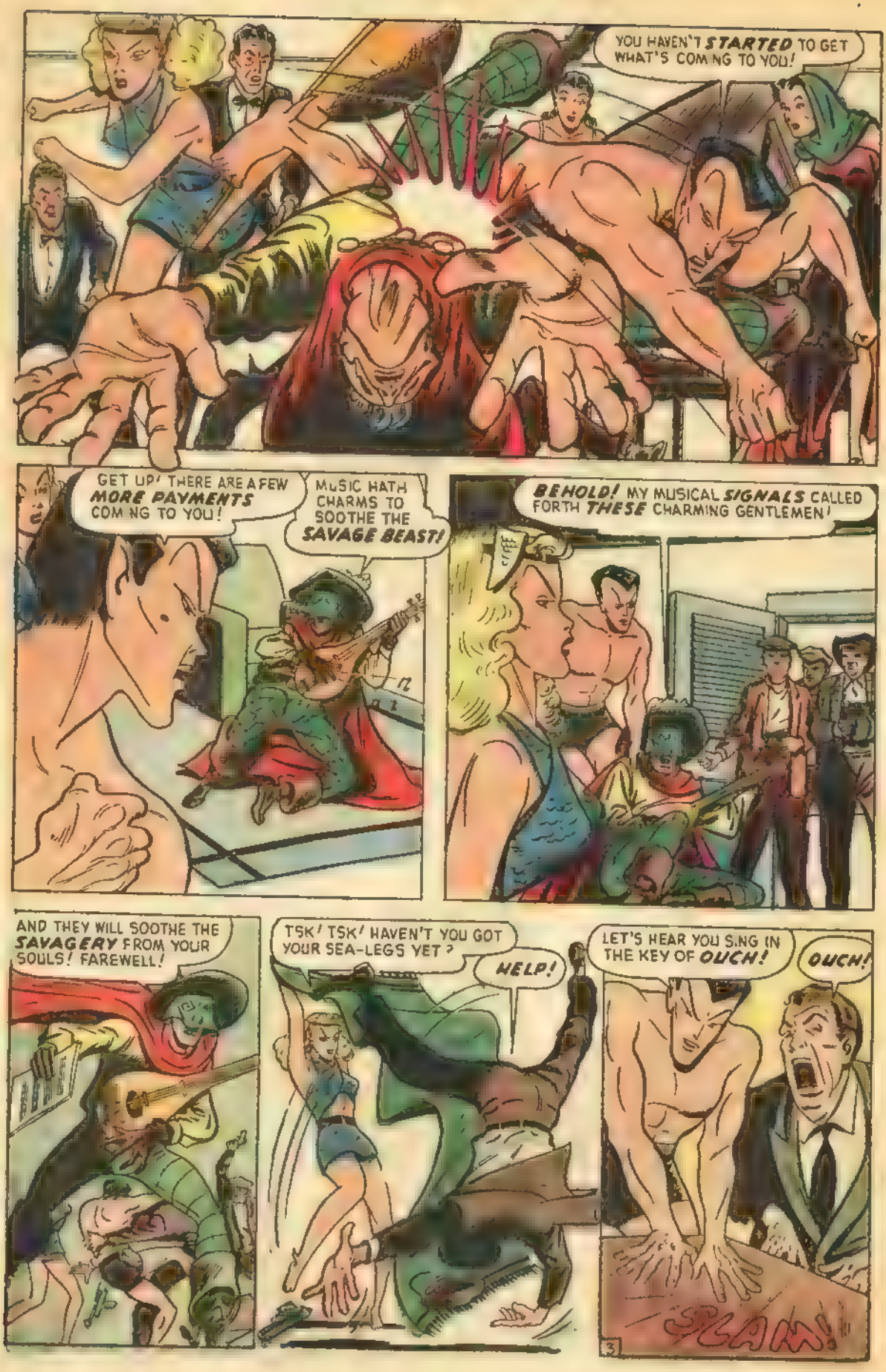
YOU HAVEN'T STARTED TO GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU!
GET UP! THERE ARE A FEW MORE PAYMENTS COMING TO YOU!
MUSIC HATH CHARMS TO SOOTHE THE SAVAGE BEAST!
BEHOLD! MY MUSICAL SIGNALS CALLED FORTH THESE CHARMING GENTLEMEN!
AND THEY WILL SOOTHE THE SAVAGERY FROM YOUR SOULS! FAREWELL!
TSK! TSK! HAVEN'T YOU GOT YOUR SEA-LEGS YET?
HELP!
LET'S HEAR YOU SING IN THE KEY OF OUCH!
OUCH!
SLAM!
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"SELTZER GETS IN YOUR EYES!" NOW DO YOU LIKE THAT AS A SONG TITLE?
OH!
I'LL ADMIT IT'S CORNY! BUT, THEN YOU'RE IN NO CONDITION TO CRITICIZE!
OWWW!
YOUR CHARMS DIDN'T WORK VERY WELL, TROUBADOUR!
STILL SAVAGE, EH? THEN I'VE LOST FAITH IN MUSIC!
HERE! YOU CAN TAKE MY GUITAR!
LOOK OUT, NAMORA!
BA-BOOM
HA-HA-HA!
LONG MINUTES LATER..
WOW! THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR'S MUSIC CERTAINLY PACKS A KICK! IT KNOCKED ME OUT!
AND IT GAVE HIM TIME TO ESCAPE! THAT TNT-LOADED GUITAR WAS A NEAT LITTLE GADGET!
SOON..
THE POLICE LAUNCH WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY! CAN YOU GUESS WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO MURDER VLADIMIR BROSCH?
HE DIDN'T HAVE AN ENEMY IN THE WORLD! EVERYBODY LOVED HIM!
THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE DISSENTING VOTE! PERHAPS THE CLUE IS SOMEWHERE IN HIS PAST!
BEFORE HE BECAME A FAMOUS CONCERT PIANIST, BROSCH PLAYED WITH A QUARTET! PERHAPS ONE OF THE SURVIVING MEMBERS COULD TELL YOU MORE ABOUT HIS EARLY LIFE!
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COME ON, NAMORA! WE'VE GOT A LITTLE RESEARCH TO DO ON THE LATE VLADIMIR BROSCH!
AT THE OFFICES OF MUSIC, INC., A TALENT AGENCY FOR MUSICIANS...
VLADIMIR BROSCH PLAYED WITH THE VIENNESE QUARTET! WE HAVE THE NAMES OF THE OTHERS WITH THEIR ADDRESSES!
THANKS! JUST THE INFORMATION I NEED!
LEO BRIGGS PLAYED THE VIOLIN IN THE QUARTET! HE'S NOW A FAMOUS CONDUCTOR!
I'VE HEARD OF HIM! HE CONDUCTS ON THE FLOATING BANDSTAND!
THE FLOATING BANDSTAND! A UNIQUE AMPHITHEATRE WHERE GREAT MUSIC IS PLAYED...
FOR THE NEXT NUMBER, THE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY SCHUBERT'S EIGHTH SYMPHONY . . .
THEN! THE FAMOUS UNFINISHED SYMPHONY! HAVE YOU HEARD THE WORDS SHE COMPOSED TO HIS MUSIC?
THAT VOICE! I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE!
THIS IS THE SYMPHONY THAT DEATH ALONE CAN FINISH!
IT-IT-IS YOU! NO!
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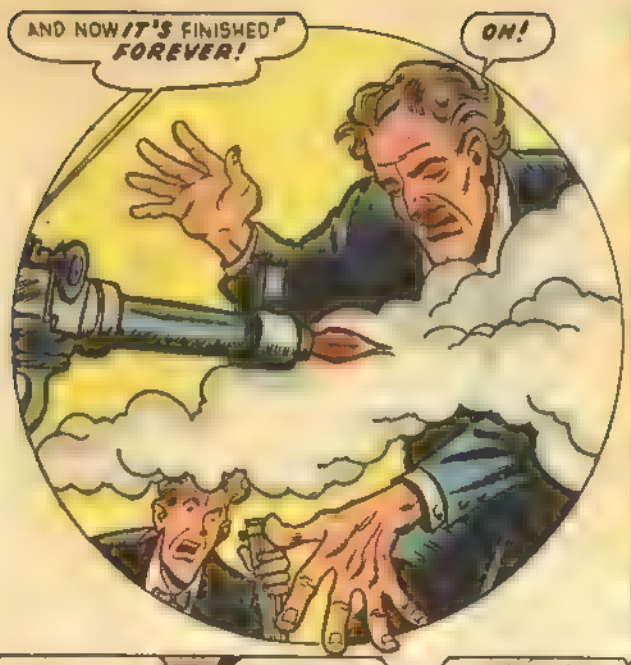
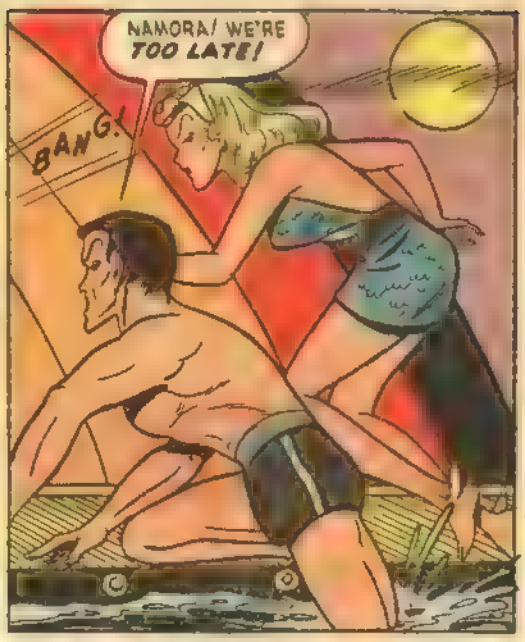
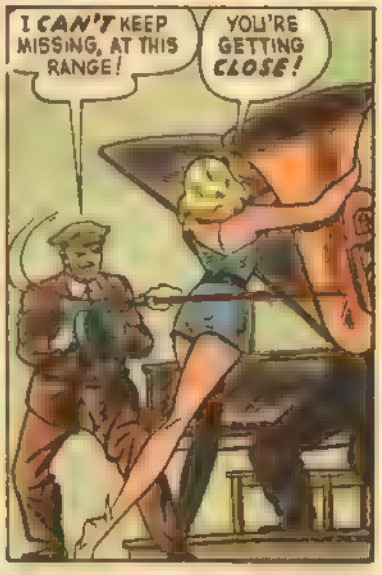
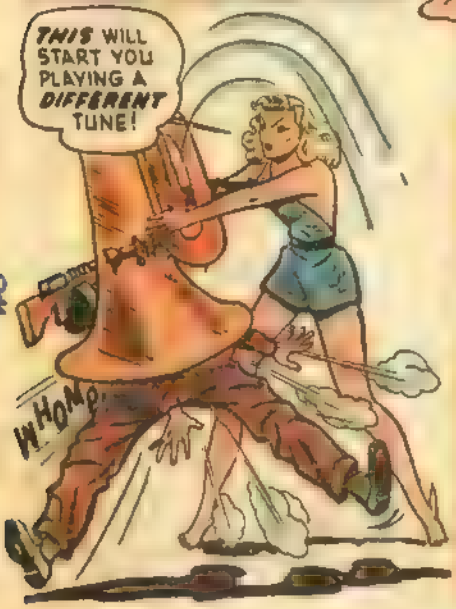

AND NOW IT'S FINISHED! FOREVER!
OH!


NAMORA! WE'RE TOO LATE!
BANG!

THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR ARRIVED BEFORE US!
A GENUINE STRADIVARIUS! IT SHOULD BE WORTH A FORTUNE!

THAT'S A FORTUNE YOU'LL NEVER COLLECT!
OOF!


I CAN'T KEEP MISSING, AT THIS RANGE!
YOU'RE GETTING CLOSE!


THIS WILL START YOU PLAYING A DIFFERENT TUNE!
WHOMP!

HERE'S YOUR MUSIC LESSON FOR TODAY! NEVER GET TOO CLOSE TO THE STAND!
OH!

BUT, THE NEXT INSTANT...
OHHH!
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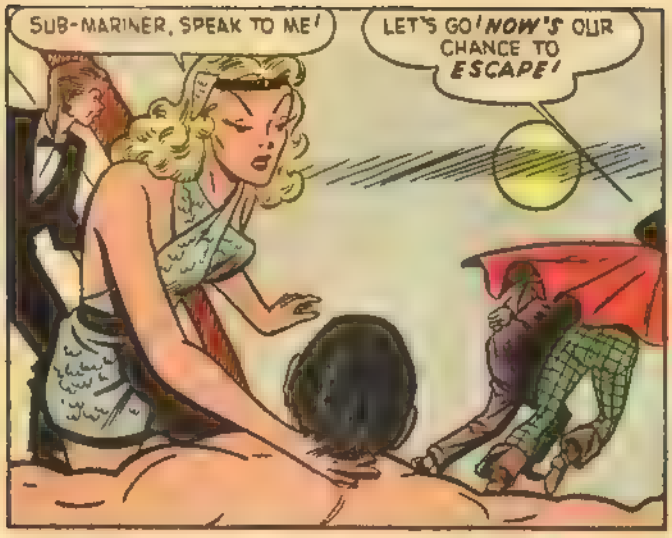
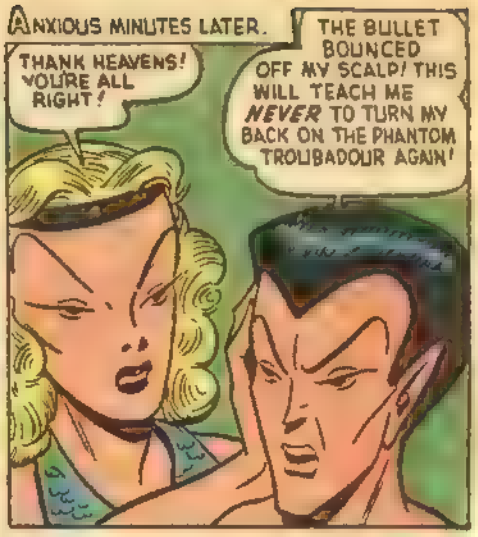
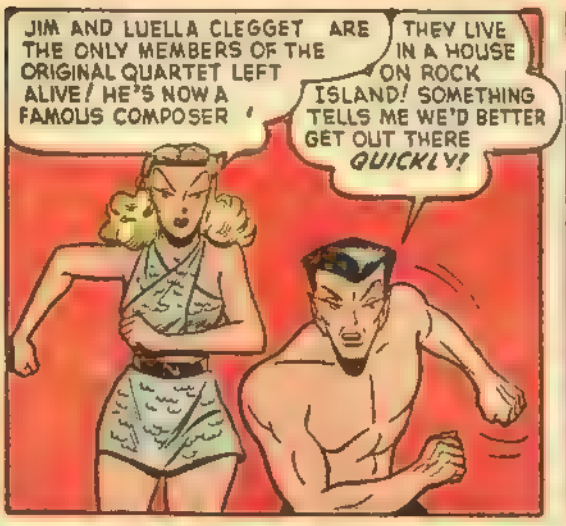
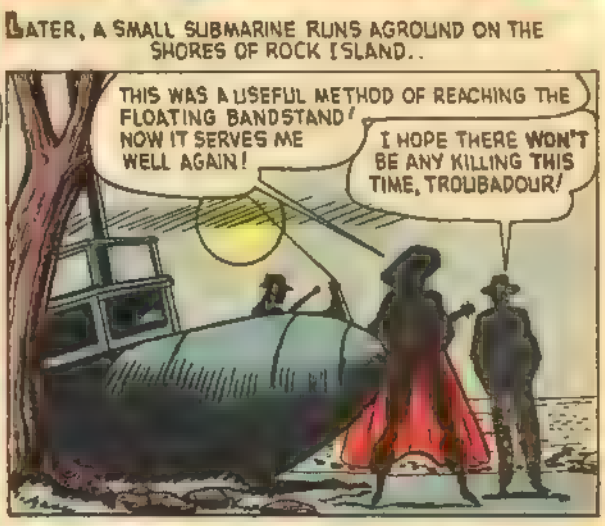
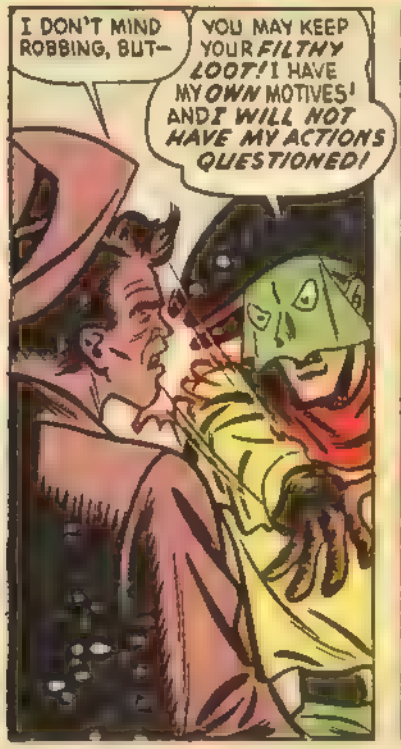

SUB-MARINER, SPEAK TO ME!
LET'S GO! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO ESCAPE!


ANXIOUS MINUTES LATER.
THANK HEAVENS! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
THE BULLET BOUNCED OFF MY SCALP! THIS WILL TEACH ME NEVER TO TURN MY BACK ON THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR AGAIN!


JIM AND LUELLA CLEGGET ARE THE ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL QUARTET LEFT ALIVE! HE'S NOW A FAMOUS COMPOSER!
THEY LIVE IN A HOUSE ON ROCK ISLAND! SOMETHING TELLS ME WE'D BETTER GET OUT THERE QUICKLY!


LATER, A SMALL SUBMARINE RUNS AGROUND ON THE SHORES OF ROCK ISLAND..
THIS WAS A USEFUL METHOD OF REACHING THE FLOATING BANDSTAND! NOW IT SERVES ME WELL AGAIN!
I HOPE THERE WON'T BE ANY KILLING THIS TIME, TROUBADOUR!


I DON'T MIND ROBBING, BUT—
YOU MAY KEEP YOUR FILTHY LOOT! I HAVE MY OWN MOTIVES! AND I WILL NOT HAVE MY ACTIONS QUESTIONED!

IN THE CLEGGET MANSION
JIM! THAT SONG! IT'S "DEATH IN VENICE!"
SOMEONE'S PLAYING IT ON THE PIANO IN OUR MUSIC ROOM!

NO ONE PLAYED IT LIKE THAT, EXCEPT
DAVID LARNUM! BUT HE'S DEAD! HE WAS DROWNED!

YES, I AM DAVID LARNUM! I DIDN'T DIE IN THAT SHIPWRECK! I REACHED A DESERT ISLAND, AND RETURNED YEARS LATER... TO FIND THAT YOU HAD STOLEN MY SONG... AND MY FAME!
"DEATH IN VENICE"! IT WAS MY MASTERPIECE! BUT YOU AND THE OTHERS USED IT AS A BASIS FOR YOUR CAREERS! NOW THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO PAY FOR YOUR THEFT!
BUT, DAVID! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD! IT DIDN'T MATTER!
EVIDENTLY IT MATTERS TO HIM A GREAT DEAL!
WHA...?
BUT HE'S HAD TOO MUCH TIME TO BROOD UPON A FANCIED INJUSTICE! THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR IS NOW OBVIOUSLY A MADMAN!
UGGH!
I FOUND THEM LURKING IN THE NEXT ROOM! THEY DIDN'T OFFER MUCH RESISTANCE!
NICE WORK, NAMORA! THE PHANTOM TROUBADOUR AND HIS PET CANARIES HAVE SUNG THEIR LAST SONG, OUTSIDE A CAGE!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
HURRY, NAMORA! THERE'S A SPECIAL CONCERT AT THE FLOATING BANDSTAND! THEY'RE PLAYING "DEATH IN VENICE"!
HA! HA! HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH? I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE LIKED MUSIC THAT MUCH!
THE END
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THE HUMAN TORCH
"THE MAN WHO COULD FORESEE DOOM!"
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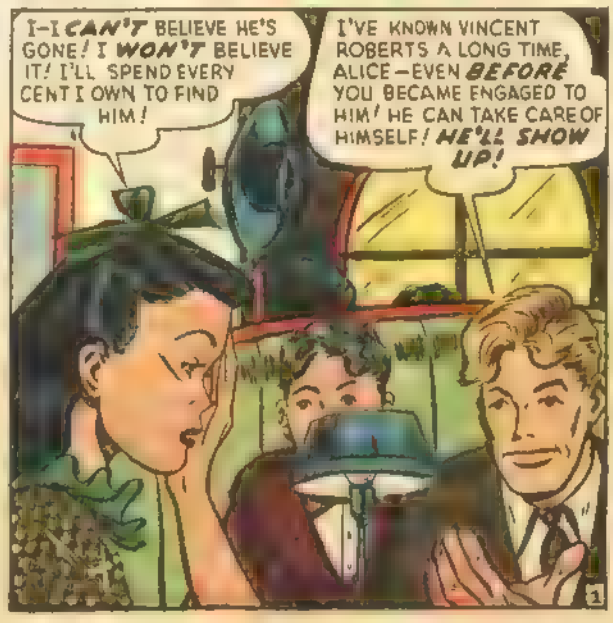
EXPLORER BELIEVED LOST
VINCENT ROBERTS
NO WORD FROM VINCENT ROBERTS AFTER TREK INTO JUNGLE!


I—I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S GONE! I WON'T BELIEVE IT! I'LL SPEND EVERY CENT I OWN TO FIND HIM!
I'VE KNOWN VINCENT ROBERTS A LONG TIME, ALICE—EVEN BEFORE YOU BECAME ENGAGED TO HIM! HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF! HE'LL SHOW UP!
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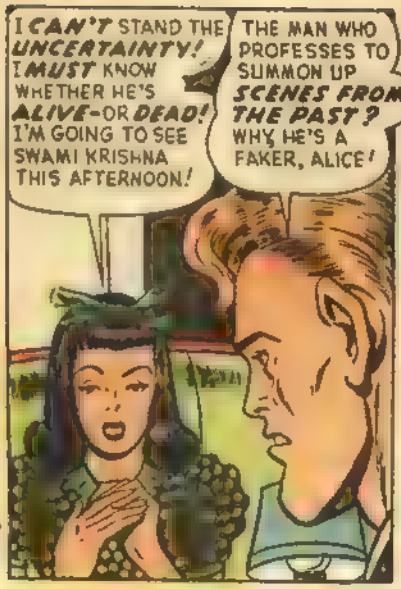
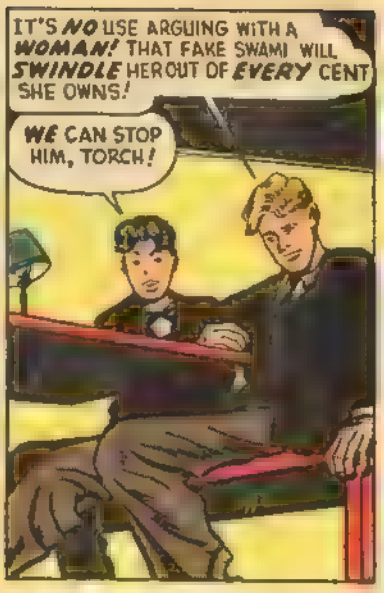
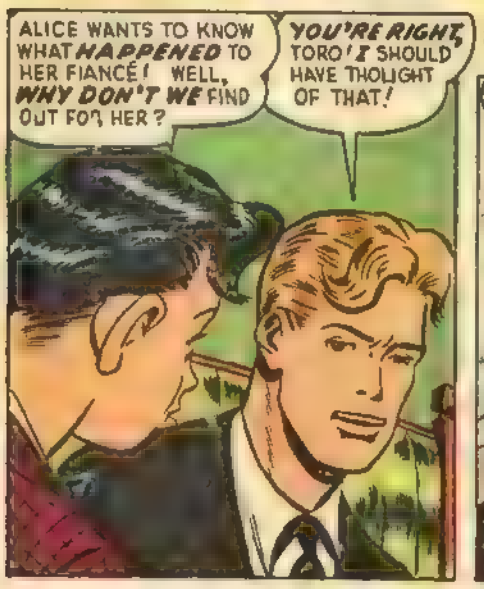
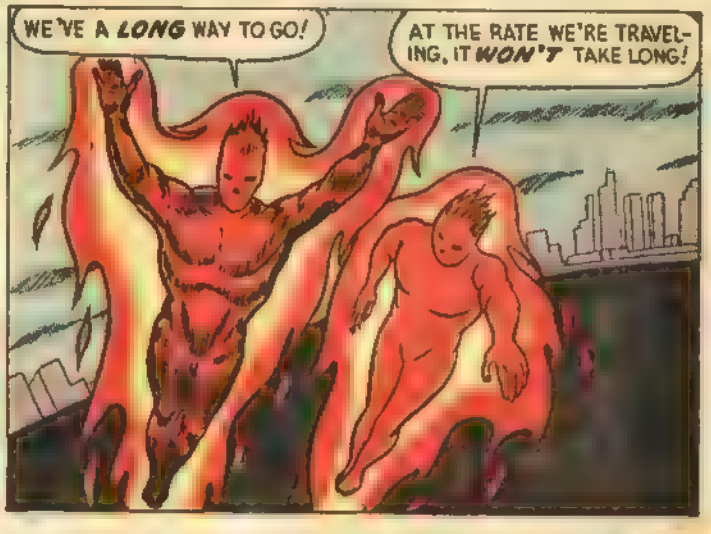

I CAN'T STAND THE UNCERTAINTY! I MUST KNOW WHETHER HE'S ALIVE-OR DEAD! I'M GOING TO SEE SWAMI KRISHNA THIS AFTERNOON!
THE MAN WHO PROFESSES TO SUMMON UP SCENES FROM THE PAST? WHY, HE'S A FAKER, ALICE!

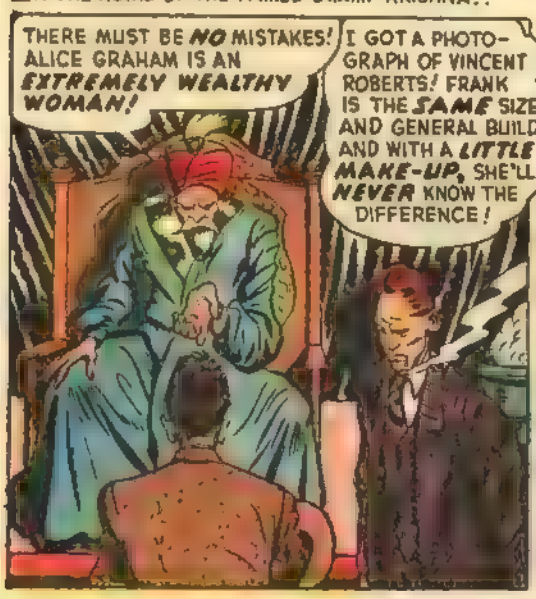



ALICE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER FIANCÉ! WELL, WHY DON'T WE FIND OUT FOR HER?
YOU'RE RIGHT, TORO! I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT!

SOON AFTERWARD, TWO FLAMING METEORS LEAVE THE SHORES OF A CONTINENT BEHIND THEM...



IN THE HOME OF THE FAMED SWAMI KRISHNA..


THERE MUST BE NO MISTAKES! ALICE GRAHAM IS AN EXTREMELY WEALTHY WOMAN!
I GOT A PHOTOGRAPH OF VINCENT ROBERTS! FRANK IS THE SAME SIZE AND GENERAL BUILD, AND WITH A LITTLE MAKE-UP, SHE'LL NEVER KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!

SOON...
A VISION IS COMING... YES, I SEE IT NOW! A LONG, WINDING TRAIL INTO THE JUNGLE! A MAN COMES TOWARD ME!
IS-IS IT VINCENT?
BEHOLD! SEE FOR YOURSELF! LET THE PAST BE PRESENT TO YOUR EYES!
I-I CAN SEE! IT'S VINCENT! CAN-CAN HE HEAR MY VOICE?
NO-HE CANNOT! YOU ARE WATCHING A SCENE THAT OCCURRED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO! LOOK! A SAVAGE— WITH A BLOW GUN!
OH, NO!
IT-IT WAS HORRIBLE! I SAW-BUT I CANNOT SAVE HIM!
I GRIEVE FOR YOU, MISS GRAHAM! BUT NOW, YOU KNOW THE TRUTH! YOUR FIANCÉ, VINCENT ROBERTS, IS DEAD!
I BELIEVE IN YOU, SWAMI KRISHNA! YOU CAN BRING BACK THE PAST! YOU MUST LET ME SEE HIM AGAIN!
I CANNOT PROMISE ANYTHING! TO PERFORM THESE MIRACLES IS EXHAUSTING... EVEN DANGEROUS FOR ME!
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IT MEANS SO MUCH TO ME! YOU MUST DO IT, SWAMI! I'LL PAY ANYTHING!
RETURN TOMORROW! I WILL SEE, THEN, WHAT CAN BE DONE!
AT THIS MOMENT..
THE COUNCIL AT BATRUH SAID THAT ROBERTS WAS LAST HEARD FROM AT THE TERWONEE RIVER JUNCTION!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE NOW!
THAT RIVER BOAT! IT MUST HAVE BELONGED TO ROBERTS' EXPEDITION!
WE'LL STRIKE INLAND FROM HERE, TORO! THE ANSWER TO ROBERTS' FATE CAN'T BE FAR AWAY NOW!
AT A NATIVE VILLAGE..
YOU SAY THE WHITE MAN IS HERE?
HE BEEN VERY SICK,... GIVE MAGIC HERBS! HE MUCH BETTER!
ROBERTS! WE'VE FOUND YOU AT LAST!
TORCH AND TORO! STRANGE, SEEING YOU CHAPS AT THIS END OF THE WORLD!
I'VE BEEN HOLED UP HERE FOR A MONTH! SOME KIND OF TROPICAL FEVER! BUT I'M FIT TO TRAVEL NOW!
THEN YOU'RE GOING HOME—WITH US! IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN SAVE ALICE FROM BEING VICTIMIZED BY A CHEAP SWINDLER! I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT ON THE WAY!
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SOON...
HANG ON! YOU'RE BEING TAKEN FOR THE FIRST FLYING LITTER RIDE IN HISTORY!
(ULP!) I'D NEVER BELIEVE ANYTHING MOVED THIS FAST!
ARE WE GOING STRAIGHT TO SEE ALICE?
I'VE A BETTER PLAN! I WANT THE SWAMI TO INCRIMINATE HIMSELF, AND I THINK I KNOW HOW TO DO IT!
NEXT DAY...
OUR LITTLE ACT FOOLED MISS GRAHAM COMPLETELY! SHE'LL KEEP RIGHT ON PAYING FOR "GLIMPSES" OF HER BELOVED FIANCÉ!
YEAH! BEHIND A MESH SCREEN, AND WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF LIGHTING, I COULD FOOL VINCENT ROBERTS HIMSELF!
THERE'S OUR LITTLE LAMB—READY TO BE FLEECED! GET BUSY! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!
LEAVE IT TO US, BOSS!
RING
WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME! HERE THEY COME, TORO!
FLAME ON!
I HEAR YOU TALKING!
A TRAP! GOT TO WARN THE SWAMI! YIIIII!
YOU'RE NOT GIVING ANY PERFORMANCE TONIGHT!
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BUT THE PLAY'S GOING ON—WITH THE REAL VINCENT ROBERTS IN THE LEAD! OKAY, VINCE?
I'M READY!
OUT OF THE PAST, I SUMMON THE SPIRIT OF... VINCENT ROBERTS! LET HIM APPEAR!
OH! HE'S HERE!
YOU HAVE PROFANED THE DEAD! I CANNOT SLEEP! I SHALL NEVER REST IN MY GRAVE UNTIL YOU DIE!
WHA...? BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU CAN'T BE...!
I-I DIDN'T MEAN TO BOTHER YOU! IT WAS JUST AN ACT! I DIDN'T MEAN TO BRING BACK THE DEAD! SPARE ME
YOU HEAR THAT, ALICE?
YOU—YOU'RE NOT DEAD! OH, MY DARLING! I'VE BEEN TRICKED!
I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T SEE THROUGH THE PERFORMANCE, SWAMI! YOU'RE SUCH A MASTER OF PHONY ACTING, YOURSELF!
I'M SO ASHAMED! TO THINK THAT I BELIEVED IN HIM!
HE WAS A CLEVER SCOUNDREL, ALICE! HE MADE A PROFITABLE BUSINESS OF "CALLING BACK" THE DEAD! BUT HE BROUGHT ABOUT HIS OWN DOWNFALL, BECAUSE HE THOUGHT HE HAD SUCCEEDED—TOO WELL!
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THE END